

Appl. No. 09/724,784
Amdt. dated Apr 21, 2004
Reply to Office action of Jan 21, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim status

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-5 are reinstated herein. Claims 6-30 are withdrawn.

Election of Species

Applicants have withdrawn claims 6-10. Claims 1-5 have been re-instated as pending, hence, Applicants have now elected Group I of the Office action mailed September 11, 2003.

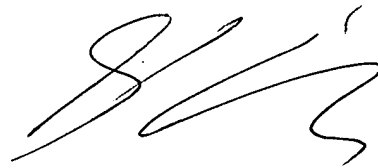
Applicants hereby request examination of the application on its merits.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the claims are ready for substantive examination. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephone conference may be helpful, Applicants' counsel may be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted
under 37 C.F.R. §1.34(a),

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